## CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements Week of 9/18/22

**DISCUSSION: Nehemiah 3** 

(Discuss the question cluster below - as much or as little as works for your group) \*Feel free to break off into smaller groups if it helps you share more personally\*

We've begun a new series in Nehemiah called *A Time to Rebuild*. Through it, we're focusing on the ways we, as individuals and as a church, can rebuild after the past 2+ years of transition and challenges. And we'll do so in confidence that God will be the one rebuilding us as we go.

- I. This week, our passage focused on seeing the people respond to the call to rebuild and start on the work. We looked at: 1) Noticing the people; 2) The work of the people; and 3) What the people and their work reveal. The sermon helped us see how God doesn't need our strength or qualifications to work through us; that there's real importance to working side-by-side with others in the church; and that when we work, it's because God has already been at work in us. Let's discuss how these ideas impact our lives.
  - A. How does the fact that God works through <u>these</u> people to rebuild (despite their lack of experience) land with you?
    - 1. Does it feel challenging, comforting, etc. to see that God doesn't need our skills or experience to do something important?
    - 2. How does it challenge the way you think about other people you might work with, serve with, live with (or even yourself) to know that God doesn't need them to have some skill set or experience to see them as valuable and work through them (or us)?
  - B. Think about a challenging situation you're facing (or have faced recently). How does it change the way you look at that challenge to know that God actually brought about salvation through challenging, even problematic situations (like Jesus being born through an unplanned teenage pregnancy of a poor girl)?
    - 1. How might God be at work through that challenge to do something for you or through you?
    - 2. What's a way God might be calling you to rely on him more in that challenge?
  - C. What's 1 way God is nudging you to serve (or serve more) right now? What's the 'section of the wall' you feel called to help with (whether you have all the right skills or not)?
    - 1. What's 1 ministry 'neighbor' (I.e., Children's, music, media, welcome, CG, women's, men's, international missions, RUF, youth, etc.) that God is nudging you to learn more about, even though you aren't serving in it?
    - 2. What's 1 way God is nudging you to get some rest so you can come back to serving (or start serving again)?

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

• If you are new to CTK and interested in joining, we'll have a newcomers class called Discovering CTK on October 15th from 9a-3p. You can register at <a href="mailto:ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk">ctkcambridge.org/discovering-ctk</a>